

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010
7:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** June 28, 2010, July 12, 2010
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTION CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Third Annual Williamstown Community Chest
5K Fun Run – Sept. 11, 2010 (Strawbridge)
 - B. Old Town Garage Site (McCallum)
 - C. Shared Director of Veterans' Services
 - D. Appointment of Election Workers for 2010/2011
 - E. September 14, 2010 State Primary Warrant
 - F. House of Local History Request for Botsford Funds
 - G. Water & Sewer Warrant
- 4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 7. ADJOURN:**

Next Selectmen meeting – Monday, August 9, 2010

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Present: Thomas E. Sheldon, Vice Chairman, Jane B. Allen, David A. Rempell

Absent: Ronald Turbin, Chairman, Tom Costley

Others Present: Jill Strawbridge, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Sheldon did not have an opening statement but deferred to Mr. Fohlin to speak about the revisions to the Open Meeting Law that went into effect July 1, 2010. Mr. Fohlin said there are two significant changes. The first requires meeting agendas to be posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting with weekends excluded, meaning a Monday night meeting will now need to be posted by the prior Thursday. Secondly, agendas needs to contain all items the chairman reasonably expects will be discussed, and agendas must be posted where residents can view them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Notices of town boards are now posted outside the front door of Town Hall. If necessary, items can be added to an agenda after it is posted. Mr. Fohlin also noted that all agenda documents must be recorded in the minutes and, therefore, urged selectmen not to introduce news articles and the like during the meeting.
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** June 28, 2010, July 12, 2010 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the June 28, 2010 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The July 12, 2010 minutes were tabled until the August 9, 2010 meeting.
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTION CONSIDERATION:**
 - A.** Third Annual Williamstown Community Chest 5K Fun Run – Sept. 11, 2010 – Ms. Strawbridge presented the 2010 "Create Community" Fun Run for approval. She said the September 11 date was the only date available for use of the Williams College property where most of the run takes place. Ms. Strawbridge said each year the run honors a person from the Town and this year it will honor the new Williams College President, Adam Falk. She said police detail will be utilized as in past years. Ms. Allen moved to approve the event on September 11, 2010 starting at 10 a.m. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Old Town Garage Site (McCallum)** – item entered on agenda in error.
 - C.** Shared Director of Veterans' Services – Mr. Fohlin presented the City of North Adams, Town of Adams, and Town of Williamstown Intermunicipal Agreement for Veterans' Services for approval and the Chairman's signature. The two-year agreement to share a veteran's agent among the three communities will begin on August 1, 2010. Mr. Fohlin said the state requires the City of North Adams to have a full-time agent but the City doesn't need an agent for that many hours. North Adams Mayor Alcombright suggested to Williamstown and Adams that they might form a North County collaboration. Since Mike Kennedy, Williamstown Veterans' Agent, would like to retire and the Adams Veterans' Agent is retiring at the end of July, the collaboration should work out well for the three entities. Mr. Fohlin said the agent will be in North Adams 20 hours a week, Williamstown 5 hours a week and Adams 5 hours a week. He added that veterans from all three towns can go to any of the three locations for services. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the agreement subject to corrections given to the Town

Manager and that Vice Chairman Sheldon sign the agreement. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Election Workers for 2010/2011 – Mr. Rempell moved to appoint the election workers for 2010/2011 submitted by the Town Clerk. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. September 14, 2010 State Primary Warrant – Mr. Rempell moved to accept and sign the September 14, 2010 State Primary Warrant as presented by the Town Clerk. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. House of Local History Request for Botsford Funds – Ms. Allen moved to approve a request for funds from the House of Local History in the amount of \$305.39. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

G. Water & Sewer Warrant – Ms. Allen moved to approve the water & sewer warrant in the amount of \$121,612.34. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached.

6. OTHER BUSINESS: None

7. ADJOURN: Ms. Allen moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen meeting is on Monday, August 9, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary

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